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"A memorandum is now being considered by HA II* which notes that the Saar is being treated by the Bonn separatist regime as a territory not within the customs area of the Federal Republic (Behandlung als Zollausschlussgebiet). A similar treatment by the German Democratic Republic would be tantamount to a recognition of the annexation of the Saar by France. On the other hand, from the treatment of the Saar as a part of the domestic economy (Behandlung als Inland) there would develop a financial and customs gap, which, however, could be closed through the institution of various control measures.

"Since in the settlement of this question, however, exclusively political considerations must be decisive, the matter was closed after the opinion of HA II had been expressed."

* Comment: HA II is Hauptabteilung II, Economic Policy, of the DDR Foreign Ministry.
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